

ADM File No. 2010-13

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Dear Esteemed Justices,

The proposal to eliminate discovery until after the Preliminary Exam is a horrible proposal. Discovery makes the truth easier to see. This would lead to a dramatic increase in the number of Exams that are held because the defendant and their attorney are unaware of what the evidence is. This rule would further exacerbate the huge discrepancy of power and resources between the People of the State of Michigan and the poor and powerless defendants whom primarily rely on appointed counsel. Allowing for the truth to come out should be a GOAL of the justice system. Anyone supporting this rule is attempting to thwart the truth and destroy one of the few checks the criminal justice system has. This rule would greatly undermine the criminal justice system and the public's perception of it.

Respectfully,  
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